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**“APPARATUS, AND AN ASSOCIATED METHOD, FOR FACILITATING
SYNCHRONIZATION IN A WIRELESS MESH NETWORK”**

the specification of which was filed and assigned U.S. Serial No. 10/028,344 on December 21, 2001.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

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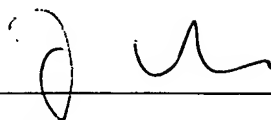
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